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REMARKS

1. [redacted] the restricted area on Gruenstrasse, Luckenwalde (N 53/Z 70), contained a Soviet headquarters and a telephone exchange which was apparently located in the Hindenburgschule. Telephone lines leading to the exchange came from: the restricted area on Grabenstrasse, the quarters on Lindenallee, the quarters in the piano factory on Gruenstrasse, and the mail distribution office in the so-called Burg. [redacted] seven Soviet generals were stationed in Luckenwalde. From 180 to 200 field-grade officers were observed assembling in the Hindenburgschule in the morning of 19 April. They included tank, artillery, infantry, engineer, and some air force officers.

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2. On 19 April, the Stalag (former PW base camps) still quartered a tank unit. Record practice was heard in the gravel pit by a unit of about company strength. Sentries at the Stalag wore tank insignia. (2)
3. Officer training courses were occasionally conducted in the Theodor Koerner Schule, also called Kriegsschule, on Breitestrasse. No course was held at the time of observation. (1)
4. The Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik, or Norddeutsche Werke, was occupied by tank troops, but no tanks were seen on the premises of the factory. The former apprentices' workshop was occupied by a motor vehicle repair unit. The radio station in the factory area resumed operation on 13 April. The generators supplying power to the radio station could be heard daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The radio station had previously been located in an area

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adjoining the factory. About 50 officers practiced pistol firing under the supervision of Colonel Martinov (fnu) on 19 April. The officers were from 30 to 40 years old. Units of up to 50 soldiers were observed leaving the installation for firing practice at irregular intervals, after 12 April. Motor vehicles [redacted]

[redacted] were [redacted] in the factory area. (3)

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5. Motor vehicles [redacted] were observed in the restricted area on Grabenstrasse; vehicles [redacted] in the restricted area on Lindenallee; and vehicles [redacted] at the piano factory on Gruenstrasse. (1)

Comments.

- (1) [redacted] the Hq Third Gds Mecz Army is located in the restricted area on Gruenstrasse and in the quarters connected to it by telephone lines. Officer training courses, in which the field-grade officers [redacted] probably participated, have been conducted in the restricted area and in the Theodor Koerner Schule. [redacted]

[redacted] The motor vehicles observed at all these installations belong to the army's divisions and to army headquarters units.

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- (2) The information indicates no change in the occupation of the Stalag. [redacted]

[redacted] It is possible that elements of the unidentified AAA division have left for Mustraw by rail.

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- (3) [redacted] a motor vehicle repair shop unit is carried in the Norddeutsche Werke. No troop unit has been observed there [redacted] Colonel Martinov, (fnu), was [redacted] commanding officer of the unit in the Norddeutsche Werke. [redacted]

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